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The Spitzbergen Drama.
Writing from Stockholm on July 17, the cor-
respondent of the London Standard says: "The
sad news of the death of the seventeen Nor-
wegian whalers, frozen in at the Spitzbergen
Islands, has now been confirmed beyond a
doubt. Captain Mack, who penetrated into the
ice-land in the end of June, has now sent home
the journal found in one of the houses there,
the eloquent laconism of which indicates us
into the world of suffering and despair the un-
fortunate men had to go through before death
and an end to their miseries. What is most
horrible of all, is the impression which the
perusal of this mournful message forces upon
us, that a little energy and knowledge of how
to take care of themselves would have been
sufficient to keep alive all these poor victims of
an Arctic winter's inclemency. As the entries in
the journal make us believe, no serious and con-
tinuous activity was kept up, though the men
must not have been ignorant that hard work is
the best preservative against that dreaded foe
of Northern life, the scurvy. It is owing to
Prof. Nordenskiöld's exertions to keep his
men constantly at work, even when there was
no necessity for it, that we have only to record
one death from scurvy among the sixty-
seven members of his expedition. But at
Isfjord, happily, there was no experienced
leader to warn against quiet inactivity, which,
under those latitudes means death. Those poor
sailors and fishers perished victims of their ig-
norance, and probably of their carelessness.
Captain Mack reports that it appeared they
had not known how to make proper use of the
comfortable house in which they were quar-
tered, instead of dividing among themselves
the rooms of their spacious dwelling till all crowd-
ed together into one, which, moreover, bore
traces of utter neglect and uncleanness. The
large stores of preserved potatoes and other
vegetables were left nearly untouched, the men
probably not knowing how to manage this kind
of food.

The story of their struggle is soon told. On
the 16th of September, last year, six Norwe-
gian ships, with their crews of, together, fifty-
seven men, were frozen in on the northeastern
coast of the Spitzbergs, at Gray Hook and
Welcome Point, eighteen and twenty-four En-
glish miles respectively from the winter quarters
of the Swedish polar expedition at Mosel Bay.
Their provisions being calculated to last only
up to the 1st of December, they applied to the
Prof. Nordenskiöld for assistance, and were al-
lowed by him to dispose of the house and stores
accumulated at Isfjord. Consequently, seven-
teen men with two small open boats left Gray
Hook on the 7th of October, crossing the ice
westward until they found open water, and finally
reached Isfjord in their boats on the 14th of
October. The remaining forty-one men prepared
themselves to pass the winter either in their own
ships at Gray Hook, or with the Swedish ex-
pedition at Mosel Bay, when, happily, in the first
days of November a heavy storm broke the ice
and made their escape possible. Thirty-nine men
were thus able to reach the Norwegian port of
Tromsø; only two, the old Captain, Mattias,
and his cook, would not abandon their ship,
which was not insured, and have now been
found dead in a boat, probably on their way to
Mosel Bay. The ship was totally crushed by the
ice.

The entries of the journal found at Isfjord
begin with the 7th October, 1872, and are regu-
larly continued every day until the 3d March
this year. No kind of occupation, nor any un-
derstanding on the part of the men, is reported
except a few hunting parties, by whom two
beats, two foxes and a few reindeers were
brought home. Darkness, however, soon pre-
vented all further hunting expeditions, and on
the 7th of November the journal reports:—
"Hunting totally abandoned, by cause of the
darkness." Thermo-graphical observations were
regularly made and annotated five times a day.
The temperature, which was very hard in Oc-
tober, the quicksilver running down to 19 de-
grees below (Fahrenheit) on the 21st, was milder
again in November, being 2 degrees above on
the 5th, and varied between 0 degrees above to
22 degrees below, until the 5th of January,
when it began to go down again. The lowest
degree, 32 degrees below, is observed on the
14th of February at four o'clock a. m. No
mention is made of sickness or disease before
the 1st of December, when it is said: "One
of the crew sick since eight days; but
from this day the same complaint repeats
itself with sad monotony: 'No improvement
in the state of the sick.' On the 19th it is said:
"Two men constantly in bed; nearly all suffer
of the disease." Though no indication is given
what kind of illness is meant, there is no doubt
that it was scurvy. The first death is record-
ed on the 19th January in the following words:
"Thomas Pedersen, who was taken ill the 5th
of this month, was called to the Lord this morn-
ing at 2.30, after a painful illness; this after-
noon also Hendrick Hendrickson, who was
taken ill on the 19th December." The 3d of
February only three men were in good health,
and the journal reports every day. "No im-
provement." The 20th February we read:
"To-day we have seen the sun for the first time
in the year 1873." A new death is recorded
the following day: "To-day the Lord again
called to heaven one of our comrades, Niles
Larsen, after an illness of eighty-two days."
Two days later the entries are made by another
hand, who writes on the 25th: "I have now
seen one man in good health to look after the
whole house." O Lord, help us in our great
distress! And on the 28th he continues:
"This evening another of our men died; the
Lord called him home from this place, so rich
in suffering!" From this day the journal con-
tains nothing but annotations of deaths until
the 12th April, when the last regular entry
is made thus: "Martin Hansen died; the
12th April, at 6 a. m." Then begins another
hand, who writes: "Peder Andreas Nilsen, of
Bastard, a red bonnet. Har. T. Mitterhuk."
What these words, which have apparently been
written under the influence of delirium, are
meant to express will never be known, and the
horrible fate of the poor sufferer who traced
them can only be guessed. Did he struggle
hours, days or weeks among the sixteen corpses
of his comrades or did the deliverer come as
he dropped his pen? Nobody knows, nor will
ever know.

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ington University of St. Louis, has taken ac-
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